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Title: ELEVATOR SYSTEM HAVING DRIVE MOTOR LOCATED BETWEEN

ELEVATOR CAR AND HOISTWAY SIDEWALL

Commissioner of Patent & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

## **RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action Summary Mailed September 1,1999 in connection with the above-mentioned application.

Please add the following claim:

19. (new) An elevator system comprising:

a hoistway having a wall;

an elevator car traveling within the hoistway

a counterweight traveling within the hoistway;

one or more flat ropes engaged with the elevator car and counterweight to suspend the car and counterweight; and

a drive machine located between the travel path of the elevator car and the wall of the hoistway, the drive machine engaged with the one or more flat ropes through traction to drive the one or more flat ropes and thereby the car and counterweight.

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